

Andromache Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Andromache Regional Park was formally gazetted as Andromache/Lillywater Reserve in 1999 under the *Land Act 1994*. There was a Trustee Agreement with the Chief Executive Officer of the Environmental Protection Agency. In 2000 the Reserve was gazetted as Andromache Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

The park was gazetted to protect key koala and Proserpine rock wallaby habitat.

Park size	647ha
Bioregion	Central Queensland Coast
Local government area	Whitsunday Regional Council
State electorate	Whitsunday
QPWS region	Central
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Andromache Regional Park has been assessed as having a basic level of priority for management. The park will be managed according to this priority rating.

Park management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and anecdotal information. The basic level priority means that it will receive annual routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural resource management involving a proactive management to understand and protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Informal ad-hoc local consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to progress specific issues and programs.

This park currently has low levels of infrequent visitor use and provides no developed visitor sites. Visitors are unlikely to encounter a ranger on site during their visit. Current and future recreational opportunities will require that visitors have a high level of self-sufficiency and are primarily responsible for their own personal safety.

Informal ad-hoc consultation with community stakeholders will be undertaken on specific issues of park management.

Park assets will consist of minimal robust infrastructure which is required for the protection of natural and cultural values and self-reliant use by the public.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

The park protects eight regional ecosystems, two of which have endangered biodiversity status and three are of concern, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include four plant and seven animal species, Table 2.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and Aboriginal people see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Although cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are not well documented for this area, all proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. Non-indigenous historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The five regional ecosystems, four plant and seven animal species of conservation significance are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to these values through fire and pest management.

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystems through the application of planned burn guidelines
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of regional ecosystems and species of conservation significance.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
8.3.3a	<i>Melaleuca leucadendra</i> and/or <i>M. fluviatilis</i> and/or <i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i> ± <i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> open forest, on creek banks.	Of concern
8.3.5	<i>Eucalyptus platyphylla</i> and/or <i>Lophostemon suaveolens</i> and/or <i>Corymbia clarksoniana</i> woodland on alluvial plains.	Endangered
8.3.6a	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> and/or <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> (or <i>C. clarksoniana</i>) and/or <i>C. tessellaris</i> +/- <i>Lophostemon suaveolens</i> open forest on alluvial levees and lower terraces	Endangered
8.12.19	Semi-deciduous complex notophyll feather palm vine forest, of sheltered gullies and slopes, of foothills and uplands on Mesozoic to Proterozoic igneous rocks.	Of concern
8.12.20a	<i>Eucalyptus drepanophylla</i> and/or <i>E. platyphylla</i> ± <i>Corymbia</i> spp. ± <i>E. crebra</i> woodland on low gently undulating landscapes on Mesozoic to Proterozoic igneous rocks.	Of concern

Table 2: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	Nature Conservation Act 1992 status	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 status	Back on Track status
Plants				
<i>Omphalea celata</i>	-	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Low
<i>Ozothamnus eriocephalus</i>	-	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Low
<i>Phaius australis</i>	-	Endangered	Endangered	Critical

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<i>Streblus pendulinus</i>	-	Least concern	Endangered	-
Animals				
<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>	northern quoll	Least concern	Endangered	Medium
<i>Denisonia maculata</i>	ornamental snake	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Medium
<i>Erythrotriorchis radiatus</i>	red goshawk	Endangered	Vulnerable	High
<i>Petrogale persephone</i>	Proserpine rock-wallaby	Endangered	Endangered	Critical
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	koala	Special least concern	Vulnerable	Low
<i>Rostratula australis</i> ²	Australian painted snipe	Vulnerable	Endangered	Medium
<i>Tyto novaehollandiae kimberli</i>	masked owl (northern)	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Low

¹Bonn: Bonn Convention

³JAMBA: Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

²CAMBA: China-Australia Migratory Agreement

⁴ROKAMBA: Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement